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To: PSC@utah.gov

PSC.

I understand that you are taking public comments on the rate hearing for Hi Country Estates Phase I Water Company.

I am a homeowner in hi Country Estates Phase 1, on the Board of Directors for the HOA and have been the President of the Water Company. I, therefore have a reasonable understanding of the costs associated with operating the water company. I support the increased monthly charges for the Water as put forth by Shauna Benvegnu-Springer. We need the additional revenue to maintain, upgrade and prepare for the issues with an old infrastructure. I do not look forward to paying the increased rates but I am willing to pay them to ensure that our system operates well.

I do have a large concern about the Water Company and HOA funds that have been used to protect our system from Rod Dansie. The financial burden on all of us due to the legal costs of defending our rights has been extremely high and totally unwarranted. His need to constantly have Hi Country Estates in court has cost our subdivision hundreds of thousands of dollars. Whenever the courts have struck him down, he comes back from a different angle to try the case again (and again and again and again ....). I even have talked to potential homebuyers who have left the negotiating table once they find out about Rad Dansies' never-ending lawsuit and the legal costs to the HOA. They are also very concerned about the potential water costs should Dansie prevail. This is unreasonable and needs to be stopped.

I have spent many hours reviewing the Well Lease Agreement and subsequent court case and documents. I cannot understand how our legal system allows one individual to subvert the law through deception, falsehoods and illegal filings to the point where a community is forced to pay such large sums of money. A careful review of the Well Lease Agreement, associated documents and timelines shows that Dansie has no claim on our water or our water system.

It is time for this unsubstantiated and unlawful burden be lifted from the homeowners of Hi Country Estates. My understanding is the PSC, as stipulated by Utah courts, can put an end to this litigation circus and I would ask the PSC to end it now.

Thanks.

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Homeowner in Hi Country Estates Phase 1